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JP 11-305086 A, JP 62-73216 A, JP 5-15005 U, and "Investigation of the Microbending Sensitivity of Fibers" by C. UNGER ET AL., were first cited in a

corresponding foreign application International Search Report. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.

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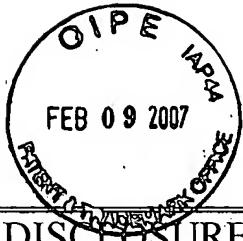
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